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WITHHOLDING RECONCILIATION FILING NOW ONLINE

Fifty-six thousand Idaho employers now have an easier way to file annual reconciliation returns for income tax withholding by using the Idaho State Tax Commission's website at tax.idaho.gov (click on "Electronic Filing").

The new online filing option, Form 956, is designed to make withholding reporting easier and more convenient for employers, who can even view their online withholding filings for 18 months.

For returns with tax due, employers can make payments electronically using a credit/debit card (Discover, MasterCard, VISA) or ACH debit through the state's secure payment system. Those who prefer paying with a paper check can still do so by printing a voucher to send with their payment.

To use the online service, employers need their Employer Identification Number (EIN), tax permit number, and an Access Idaho username and password. The username and password can be set up quickly for free on the login page.

Form 956 filings for monthly, quarterly, and split-monthly filers are due Jan. 31. Filings for yearly filers are due Feb. 28.

For questions about Form 956 filing, call the Tax Commission at 334-7783 in the Boise area or toll free at 1-800-972-7660, ext. 7783. *@i*

BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY TO LAUNCH ONLINE LICENSE RENEWAL SERVICE

Renewing Idaho accountancy licenses will be faster and easier thanks to a new online service the Board of Accountancy will roll out for the next annual renewal period beginning in May 2005.

The interactive service will provide the Gem State's 1,600 licensed and practice privilege accountancy professionals with an easy-to-use license renewal option available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at www.state.id.us/boa, the Board's official Web site.

The renewal fee and a nominal online convenience fee can be paid using Discover, MasterCard or VISA through the state's secure payment server.

Although the 2005 accountancy renewal period does not officially start until May 2, each licensee is encouraged to verify their email address beforehand by logging in using their license number and an initial password, which the Board is scheduled to send by regular mail in January.

"By checking and updating their email addresses, licensees will ensure they receive important Board news and notifications immediately," said Idaho State Board of Accountancy Executive Director Barbara Porter. "They will also have the ability to review and change their physical home and business addresses, as well as indicate which address they would prefer Board mail be sent to." *@i*



TAX COMMISSION ROLLS OUT IFTA RENEWAL SERVICE

Idaho-based truckers who travel in the U.S. and Canada and are licensed under the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) can renew their IFTA license and order decals at no extra charge through the state's motor carrier Web site at trucking.idaho.gov.

This year's renewal period ends February 28, but truckers or their tax preparers can order additional decals year-round. They can also access completed renewals

online. Those who use the online service must pay electronically with Discover, MasterCard, or VISA through the state's secure payment server.



In addition to renewing their IFTA license, truckers can file their IFTA returns for free. The motor carrier Web site will offer online applications for new IFTA licenses in April 2005.

Trucking.idaho.gov provides Idaho government resources for truckers and is a joint effort of the Idaho State Tax Commission, Idaho Transportation Department, and the Idaho State Police.

For questions about online IFTA renewals, call the Tax Commission at 334-7783 in the Boise area or toll-free at 1-800-972-7660, ext. 7783. @i

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Internet Explorer Troubleshooting

A recent set of security patches Microsoft added to its web browser, Internet Explorer, has the potential to conflict with many internet applications, including Access Idaho's. Our developers implemented global changes in our application server in an attempt to work around this problem. However, if you suddenly experience problems submitting information or advancing to the next screen while using an Access Idaho service, the following browser setting changes may help without compromising your computer's security:

1. In the "Tools" pull-down menu at the top of the page, select "Internet Options."
3. On the "General" tab, click the "Settings" button in the "Temporary Internet Files" section.
4. Select the "Every Visit to the Page" radio button.
5. Click the "OK" button.
6. To ensure that your web browser is accepting cookies (so the information entered can be transferred from screen to screen), select the "Privacy" tab (two over from the "General" tab).
7. The bold word in the window should be "Medium" or lower (if your setting is set higher, move the slider down to at least "Medium").

If you cannot change your settings or are still having difficulties, consult with your company's computer administrator or call Access Idaho for other possible remedies. @i

COMING SOON TO IDAHO.GOV

New IFTA Registration

Idaho became the first state to offer the convenience and accuracy of online IFTA filing. The Idaho State Tax Commission, in conjunction with Access Idaho, is scheduled to launch an online new IFTA registration service in April 2005.



Medical Professionals License Renewal

Doctors and other medical professionals licensed in the Gem State will be able to renew their licenses online through the Idaho Board of Medicine's website.

Scheduled for launch in time for the start of the next renewal period beginning in May, the service promises to be easier and faster than the paper method.